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If “paperless” is not an option for you, call or write to the DER project manager identified in this fact sheet. Indicate that you need to receive paper copies of fact sheets through the Postal Service. Include the site name in your correspondence. The option to receive paper is available to individuals only. Groups, organizations, businesses, and government entities are assumed to have email access.
FACT SHEET
Former Melrose Avenue Dry Cleaner
State Superfund Program
753 Melrose Avenue
Bronx, NY 10451

SITE No. 203009
NYSDEC REGION 2

May 2022

Remedy Proposed for State Superfund Site; Public Comment Period and Virtual Public Meeting Announced

Virtual Public Meeting, Wednesday, 5/25/22 at 6:30 PM
To join via computer:
https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/onstage/g.php?MTID=e1f1649d7fee0167561e8805fd54e7113 and use event password: FMDC1#
To join by phone, call: 1-518-549-0500 and use access code: 161 973 5611

NYSDEC invites you to a virtual public meeting to discuss the remedy proposed for the site. You are encouraged to provide comments at the meeting, and during the 30-day comment period described in this fact sheet.

NYSDEC will provide interpreter services for hearing impaired persons and language interpreter services for individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English at no charge upon written request submitted no later than one week prior to meeting date.

The public is invited to comment on a remedy being proposed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) to address contamination related to the Former Melrose Avenue Dry Cleaner site (“site”) located at 753 Melrose Avenue, in Bronx, NY. Please see the map for the site location. The estimated cost to implement the remedy is $3,438,000.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for 30 days, from May 11 through June 10, 2022.

- Access the PRAP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/203009/
- Documents also are available at the locations identified at left under “Where to Find Information.”
- Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the “Who to Contact” area at left.

The site is listed as a Class "2" site in the State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites (list of State Superfund sites). A Class 2 site represents a significant threat to public health or the environment; action is required. NYSDEC is proposing the following remedy to address these threats:

Where to Find Information
Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):
https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/203009/

Woodstock Library
761 East 160th Street
Bronx, NY 10456
(718) 665-6255
woodstock@nypl.org

Bronx Community Board 1
3024 Third Avenue
Bronx, NY 10455
(718) 585-7117
brxcb1@optonline.net

Who to Contact
Comments and questions are welcome and should be directed as follows:

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Corning Tower Room 1787
Albany, NY 11237
(518) 402-7883
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For more information about New York’s State Superfund Program, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html
Proposed Remedial Action Plan: The remedy proposed for the site includes:

- Treating contaminated groundwater through injection of chemical oxidants into the groundwater;
- Collecting and analyzing post-remedial groundwater samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Evaluating soil vapor intrusion in structures potentially impacted by contamination originating from the site;
- Implementing actions recommended to address soil vapor intrusion exposures where detected;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan (HASP) and Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) during all ground intrusive activities; and
- Implementing a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long term maintenance of the remedial systems.

NYSDEC developed the proposed remedy after reviewing the detailed investigation of the site and evaluating the remedial options in the “Feasibility Study” prepared under the State Superfund Program.

Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments as it finalizes the remedy for the site. The selected remedy will be described in a document called a "Record of Decision" that will explain why the remedy was selected and respond to public comments. A detailed design of the selected remedy will then be prepared, and the cleanup will be performed.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

Site Description: The site is 0.066-acres and is bordered on the north by a community garden, to the east by Melrose Avenue, to the south by a 6-story apartment building, and to the west by the Public School (P.S.) 29 Ball Field. The site is currently a vacant lot covered with crushed stone and surrounded by a chain link fence. The site structure was demolished in 1968. Previously, the site had been used as a dry cleaner since approximately 1950. The site is owned by the New York City Department of Housing Preservation & Development and is zoned for residential use.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 203009) at:


Summary of the Investigation: Soil and groundwater samples were analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), pesticides, and metals. Groundwater samples were also analyzed for emerging contaminants. Soil vapor samples were analyzed for VOCs. Based upon investigations conducted to date, the primary contaminants of concern for the site include VOCs in groundwater and soil vapor.

State Superfund Program: New York's State Superfund Program (SSF) identifies and characterizes suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites. Sites that pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup, and monitoring.

NYSDEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination before committing State funds for investigation and cleanup.

For more information about the SSF, visit: https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html

We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see.

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Sign up to receive site updates by email: www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

DECinfo Locator
Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html
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